

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 1-SS-D-31-17

Issued at Sitka, Friday, September 29, 2017

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Saturday,
September 30, 2017

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Sunday,
December 31, 2017, unless superseded by
subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order rescinds Emergency Order No. 1-SS-D-29-17, issued September 19, 2017. Effective 12:01 a.m. Saturday, September 30, sport fishing is open in Bear Cove.

REGULATION: Emergency Order No. 1-SS-D-29-17 is rescinded.

Sam Cotten
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Troy Tydingco
Sitka Area Management Biologist
Division of Sport Fish

JUSTIFICATION:

In mid-September, coho salmon returning to Medvejie Hatchery were not expected to meet broodstock goals in 2017, so Emergency Order 1-SS-D-29-17 closed Bear Cove to fishing for the protection of broodstock. However, between September 20 and September 27, approximately 2,600 of the 3,000 coho salmon needed for broodstock were captured at the hatchery. It is anticipated that the remaining 400 fish needed for broodstock will enter the hatchery raceways regardless of fishing pressure. Rescinding EO 1-SS-D-29-17 will restore regional regulations to these marine waters and provide sport fishing opportunity for coho salmon.

DISTRIBUTION:

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